

My Name is Ray Wrobel and I also am a life-long resident of Methuen, Ma. My affiliation with Holy Family hospital is both generational and contemporary. My mother was a thirty year employee of the Hospital Both my sisters, myself and my brother worked at the Hospital on a part-time basis in various depts... In fact you can say that the hospital helped put us through School On a more contemporary basis I now serve as a volunteer on the Holy Family Foundation.

I support the pending sale for not only will the sale aid in the growth of the Hospital-by offering --innovative life saving medical procedures--locally -but it will also foster --a stable and growing employment base in the Merrimack Valley. and as an added incentive it will also benefit the City with increased tax revenue---which at this point like all municipal entities is suffering from deficit spending.

But also I hope that with the sale of hospital --the new corporate ownership does not forget the Holy Family Foundation ---in its charitable work---fundraising efforts and of course its ( the Foundation's) past, present and future donors. The Merrimack Valley is a microcosm of the State of Mass. Whereas the unemployment rate for Mass is 9.1% the Valley's rate ranges from a high in Lawrence of 17.5%, a mid point of Methuen at 11% to a low of 6.9 in Andover. The unemployed and poor still need medical services and preventive care this is when and where the efforts of the Holy Family Foundation can come in play---Lending a non-profit mind set to a Corporate bottom line. A kind of Community Re-Investment Act for Health Care providers and Facilities.